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1. Infesto-erk, Dresden, which is part of the IFA industrial combine, employs some 360 workers. The plant is the only factory in the Russian Zone which manufactures piston rings larger than 600 mm. According to the 1952 production plan, the plant's output is valued at 2.2 million east marks. Monthly production is as follows:

200,000 piston rings, up to 160 mm

15,000 - 20,000 piston rings, 160 - 400 mm

2,500 piston rings 400 - 1,500 mm

To this monthly output must be added 150 stuffing box packings for locomotives.

2. The present production rate requires 50 - 60 tons of gray-iron casting monthly, which is supplied by the plant's own iron foundry. The raw material is delivered by the Maxhütte and the Hüttenkombinat Ost, but part of it comes from Russia, Poland, and Sweden. Deliveries from Western Germany stopped long ago. The quality requirements cause continuous difficulties, because relatively little Swedish iron is available and other iron does not contain sufficient carbon. Therefore, the average monthly waste amounts to 30 percent, whereas in normal times, waste did not exceed 20 percent.
3. A factory with a production capacity of 40 million piston rings is to be built in the vicinity of Warsaw. The plant manager of Infesto was requested to submit a detailed report, listing machinery and installations, including the necessary blueprints, which would be required for such a factory. The manager at first declined, then submitted an incomplete document which did not represent the latest technical developments. The plan was returned and a new one demanded. The manager refused and fled to the West.

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